

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
of the
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
5:00 PM Thursday, September 13, 2007
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Item 1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order and the following answered present: Quinn Fazio Goodchild, Vice Chair; Shirley Carson; Nicholas Tranakas, M.D. James Camp III (arrived @ 5:10 P.M.) Also attending were Attorney Donald J. Lunny, Jr. of Brinkley, Morgan, Solomon, Tatum, Stanley, Lunny & Crosby, LLP and Attorney Douglas Gonzalez & Attorney Melissa Anderson of Weiss Serota Helfman Pastoriza Cole & Boniske, P.L. Mike Tadros, CFO, also attended.

Absent: Robert Kelley, Chair (schedule conflict)

Item 2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2007 MEETING AGENDA

The Agenda was reviewed and no corrections or changes noted. Commissioner Carson moved approval; Commissioner Tranakas seconded. All voted in the affirmative.

Item 3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 16, 2007 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes were reviewed and no corrections or changes noted. Commissioner Tranakas moved approval; Commissioner Carson seconded. All voted in the affirmative.

Item 4. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Note: Items 5&3 (Agency Plan & Dixie Court Redevelopment) were discussed first.

1. Legal Services

This item was discussed at the August Board meeting and the following legal firms were selected from a list of five:

- Brinkley, Morgan, Solomon, Tatum, Stanley, Lunny & Crosby, LLP
- Weiss Serota Helfman Pastoriza Cole & Boniske, P.A.

Attorneys from both firms were interviewed, separately, by the Board. After discussion, the Board decided to appoint Attorney Donald J. Lunny, Jr. of Brinkley, Morgan, Solomon, Tatum, Stanley, Lunny & Crosby, LLP, to provide legal service/general counsel for the Housing Authority.

Commissioner Tranakas moved the motion to accept Attorney Don Lunny as general counsel for the housing authority, effective October 1, 2007; Commissioner Camp seconded. All voted in the affirmative.

2. Stranahan Site Homes Update/Ribbon Cutting

The E.D. updated the Board on this item and discussed the plans for a grand opening & ribbon cutting ceremony:

- 6 homes closed on so far
- Bank of America construction loan paid off
- Ribbon cutting ceremony planned for October 20, 2007

3. Dixie Court Redevelopment Update

The E.D. gave a brief verbal update on this item:

- The Dixie Court project is moving forward
- First set of plans were reviewed
- The E.D. met with Commissioner Carlton Moore – who is proactive in ensuring that the former residents are given the opportunity to return.
- Expect to break ground early next month.

4. Financial Reports for Period Ending June 30, 2007

Included in the Agenda as **Attachment 1** were the financial reports for period ending June 30, 2007, for the following programs:

- Public Housing
- Section 8
- Affordable Housing

The E.D. and Mike Tadros, CFO, reviewed each program with the Board.

5. Agency Plan & Public Housing Admissions & Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP)

The Agency Plan for the year 2008 and the ACOP are completed and copies placed in site offices for review. A public meeting, as required, has been scheduled for Thursday, October 11, 2007, at 6:00 PM at the Sailboat Bend community room at 425 SW 4th Avenue.


Copies of the Agency Plan and the ACOP were presented to the Commissioners at the September Board meeting. The plans will be approved at the October 11, 2007 Board meeting and the Commissioners will be required to attend the public meeting immediately following the Board meeting.

Item 5. NEW BUSINESS

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.


Quinn Fazio Goodchild
Vice Chair

ATTEST:


Tam A. English
Executive Director/Secretary